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1. INDICATIONS WE HAVE HERE POINT TO AT LEAST TEMPORARY BREAKS IN THE ECPC DRAFTING SESSION WHICH CONVENED IN EAST BERLIN JAN 13. PRESUMABLY THESE BREAKS ARE TO ALLOW FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE INDIVIDUAL PARTY LEADERSHIPS.

2. WE ARE AWARE THAT SERGIO SEGRE, THE PCI REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SUBJECT SESSION, RETURNED TO ROME JANUARY 16. HE DEPARTED FOR BERLIN EARLY THIS WEEK AND IS NOW EXPECTED BACK IN HIS OFFICE ON JANUARY 23.

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3. IN A DESPATCH FROM ITS VIENNA CORRESPONDENT ON JANUARY 17, CORRIERE DELLA SERA (MILAN DAILY) INDICATES SEGRE SAID UPON HIS JAN 16 DEPARTURE FROM BERLIN THAT THE SESSION HAD PROVIDED A FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THE PROBLEMS UNDER DISCUSSION. THE SAME ARTICLE DREW ATTENTION TO A STATEMENT BY THE SPANISH PARTY'S REPRESENTATIVE (AZCARATE) WHO ATTRIBUTED TO THE SOVIET UNION THE PROBLEM OF THE DIFFIDENCE WITH WHICH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENTS IN WESTERN EUROPE MUST COPE. REFERRING TO THE EXISTANCE OF "LABOR CAMPS" AND FORCED PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT (THE PLYUSH CASE) IN THE USSR, AZCARATE SAID THAT THESE MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST MOVEMENT TO REALIZE "A POLITICAL COURSE CONVINCING FOR ALL DEMOCRATIC AND PRO-GRESSIVE FORCES."

4. JUDGING FROM THE COMMENTS OF SEGRE AND AZCARATE AND THE ALLEGED SILENCE OF THE YUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVE, THE NEWS-PAPER'S CORRESPONDENT SPECULATES THAT SERIOUS OBSTACLES WERE STILL CONFRONTING THE NEGOTIATORS AT THE END OF LAST WEEK.
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